

during the past year was 159,243 packages, on which fees were collected, amounting to \$8,274, being an increase over the preceding year of 28,597 packages, and \$1,805 of fees collected.

MANUFACTURES IN BOND.

Comparison of five years.

25. The revenue derived from duties levied on goods manufactured in bond—chiefly Vinegar and Methylated Spirits—during a series of five years, has been as follows:—

1874-5	\$37,176
1875-6	27,834
1876-7	30,053
1877-8	36,894
1878-9	38,986

Increase of manufactures in bond.

26. The business of manufacturing goods in bond for domestic use is extending, and it is probable that such manufactures for export, especially of Methylated Spirits and Spirit Varnish, will assume considerable proportions. Recent experience has shown that such manufactures require a more rigid supervision than has heretofore existed, in order that the revenue may be sufficiently protected.

PUBLIC WORKS.

Decrease of revenue.

27. During the past fiscal year there has been a serious decline in the revenue from the Canals, and also a decrease in the revenue derived from Slides and Booms and from Minor Public Works. There has also been a decrease in the sums received from Hydraulic Rents.

The following Comparative Statement will show the exact figures:—

	1877-8.	1878-9.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.
	\$	\$		
Canals, Tolls, &c.....	361,052	325,392	9.87
Slides and Booms	83,291	69,572	16.71
Hydraulic and other Rents	32,219	29,405	8.73
Minor Public Works	30,569	26,686	12.70
	507,131	450,855		